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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

WIDESPREAD REDUCTION IN TAXATION IMPOSSIBLE.

LONDON, February 3.

Speaking at Birmingham, Mr. Austen Chamberlain announced the practical abandonment of the Excess Profits Duty without the substitution of new duties.

He declared that there would be no new taxation in the forthcoming budget.

UNPRECEDENTED COURSE.

Later.

Mr. Chamberlain at Birmingham took an unprecedented course in anticipating the Budget which, it is explained, was only permissible in view of the abnormality of the times. Mr. Chamberlain in the first place scouted the reported intention of the Government to promote a rush election. He criticised the thoughtlessness of those who presumed to instruct the public in encouraging hopes of a widespread reduction in taxation. That was impossible. The war had transformed Britain from a creditor into a debtor nation, but we had transformed the national deficit into a balance on the right side and had begun to repay foreign debts. The Government, he concluded, could afford not to renew the excess profits duty which was only justifiable as an absolute financial necessity.

HOPES OF BIG BUDGET REDUCTION.

Consequently the duty will be dropped as from the end of last year in the case of businesses started since the war. In the case of other businesses the duty will only run for seven years from their first accountancy period. New duties might be imposed in respect of dumped goods or depreciated exchanges, but there will be no new taxes to take the place of the abolished excess profits duty. Mr. Chamberlain believed that this announcement would restore confidence and reinvigorate trade. He also held out hopes that the Budget might be reduced by £250,000,000.

FRENCH DEBATE REPARATIONS.

A TAX ON GERMAN EXPORTS SUGGESTED.

THE COAL QUESTION.

PARIS, February 3.

At a joint sitting of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, M. Briand inaugurated a two days' debate on reparations. He said that France had secured the programme desired by the Chamber. The question of disarmament had been settled to France's entire satisfaction. Her two objectives had been the obtaining of immediate payment of the highest figure possible and benefiting Germany's economic enrichment in order to avoid the immoral spectacle of the enrichment of the vanquished at the expense or ruin of the victorious. A tax on German exports would correct a paradoxical situation created by Germany having to develop her exports to the detriment of Allied commerce in order to pay the Allies. France in no way renounced the possibility of recovering the total payment of the debt. The Reparation Commission would fix the total before May 1. The coal question was also on the road to settlement. Germany was informed that she would have to deliver 2,200,000 tons a month in February and March, plus the 250,000 tons to cover the deficit for the preceding months, failing which she would have to conform strictly to the Treaty figures which were distinctly higher than those at present fixed. M. Briand concluded in a very confident tone: "We have at last entered the domain of realisation. The conference, which tightened the bonds of the Entente, concluded in an atmosphere of cordiality permitting us to regard the future with full confidence of security."

CANADA'S FISCAL POLICY.

PREMIER UPHOLDS PRINCIPLE OF PROTECTION.

THE BONDS OF EMPIRE.

MONTREAL, February 4.

The Premier, Mr. Meighen, speaking at a banquet, outlined the Government's fiscal policy. He upheld the principle of protection with a revision of the tariffs suitable to altered conditions. Referring to Canada's national position, he declared that Canada did not need the lesson of the war to value aright her status as a nation within the Empire. Sentiment and interest had kept the British connection secure for a century but the events of the past six years had made the ties even firmer. With our sister Dominions and Britain we formed many years ago the first league of nations, the ability of which to survive was demonstrated by the severest trials of peace and war. Both in peace and war our burdens had been lighter and our achievements greater because we had stood together. Mr. Meighen discredited those who were continually seeing trouble in imperial relations, contending that there was no more danger of a loss of autonomy than a loss of atmosphere. Canada's word to the rest of the Empire at present is: Let us keep on the way we are going and let brotherly love continue.

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

BUILDING TRADE OPERATIVES REJECT GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS

LONDON, February 3.

The building trade operatives have rejected the Government's proposals for a dilution by the admission of unemployed ex-Servicemen. Their reply, which may embody an alternative proposal has not yet been decided on.

FRENCH RAILWAY COLLISION.

TEN PERSONS KILLED AND FORTY-SEVEN INJURED.

PARIS, February 3.

Ten persons were killed and 47 injured in a head-on collision between a passenger and a goods train near Limoges.

THE DOLLAR.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

FIREARMS AT HOME.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—A despatch has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that under the Firearms Act which has recently been passed, no one in Great Britain may purchase, have in his possession, use or carry any firearm or ammunition (other than smoothbore shot-gun or air rifle or ammunition thereof) unless he holds a firearm certificate issued by the police. A person arriving in Great Britain in possession of firearms or ammunition to which the Act applies should, immediately on taking up residence, apply to the nearest police station for a form of application for a firearm certificate.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CLAUDE SLYNN,

Colonial Secretary.

February 3, 1921.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MESOPOTAMIAN MANDATE.

LONDON, February 3rd.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger announces the terms of the British draft of the Mesopotamian Mandate, which will be submitted to the League of Nations at its next meeting at Geneva on February 22nd.

The Daily Mail regards the conditions generally as onerous to Great Britain and as placing all liabilities on British shoulders. The draft clauses provide that no discrimination against any foreign State should be made, with a view to placing on equal footing in trade and oil enterprises of all nations as regards archaeological research. Great Britain is to be responsible for the foreign relations, defence, maintenance of the present frontiers and freedom of religion and education.

WAGES CUTTING MOVEMENT.

LONDON, February 3rd.

A telegram from New York says that the Standard Oil Company is discontinuing the 10 per cent war bonus it allowed to all its employees. The railway companies are appealing to Congress to follow suit. The recent reduction in the wages of workers in other industries include, in the textile industry, 22 per cent; steel, 15 per cent; copper mines, 20 per cent; and sewing machines factories, 20 per cent. In Great Britain, the tin miners in Cornwall have had their wages cut by 10 per cent, and jute workers are shortly to have their wages reduced by 25 per cent.

FRANCE REPUDIATES MILITARISM.

PARIS, February 1st.

A Havas message says: The Minister of War, M. Barthou, at a reception of the military attaches, stated: "You are in a position, better than anybody, to see for yourself that France has no aggressive intention against anybody. It remains solely with Germany if she will discard all idea of revanche so that all may be able to start work again in peace."

BRITISH MISSION IN KABUL.

LONDON, February 3rd.

The British Government is receiving regularly reports from the British Mission in Kabul, who are conferring with the Afghan Foreign Minister twice or thrice weekly, but at present it is impossible to say when a settlement will be reached. The Mission will be able to leave Kabul where, Surin, the Bolshevik agent, is still busy.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

PARIS, February 3rd.

A message from Geneva says that M. Hyman has handed over the presidency of the League of Nations to Senor Cunha, the Brazilian Ambassador in Paris.

ARGENTINE WOOL AND WEATHER.

Buenos Aires, February 3rd.

The Government has exempted wool and leather from export duty for a year.

U.S. NAVAL PROGRAMME.

WASHINGTON, February 3rd.

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives estimates that, owing to the rise in the cost of material and labour, \$434,000,000 above the original calculation of \$398,000,000 will be required to complete the ambitious naval programme which the Government embarked upon in 1916.

The Naval Bill, as reported to the House, calls for an appropriation of \$395,000,000, of which \$90,000,000 is for continuing new construction next year. The programme of 1918 authorised the construction of 158 warships. Many of these have been completed, but 17 battleships, battle-cruisers and a number of auxiliary ships are still under construction. The bill reduces the personnel of the Navy from 143,000 to 100,000 and appropriates for aviation only \$1,750,000, as compared with \$5,000,000 for the current year.

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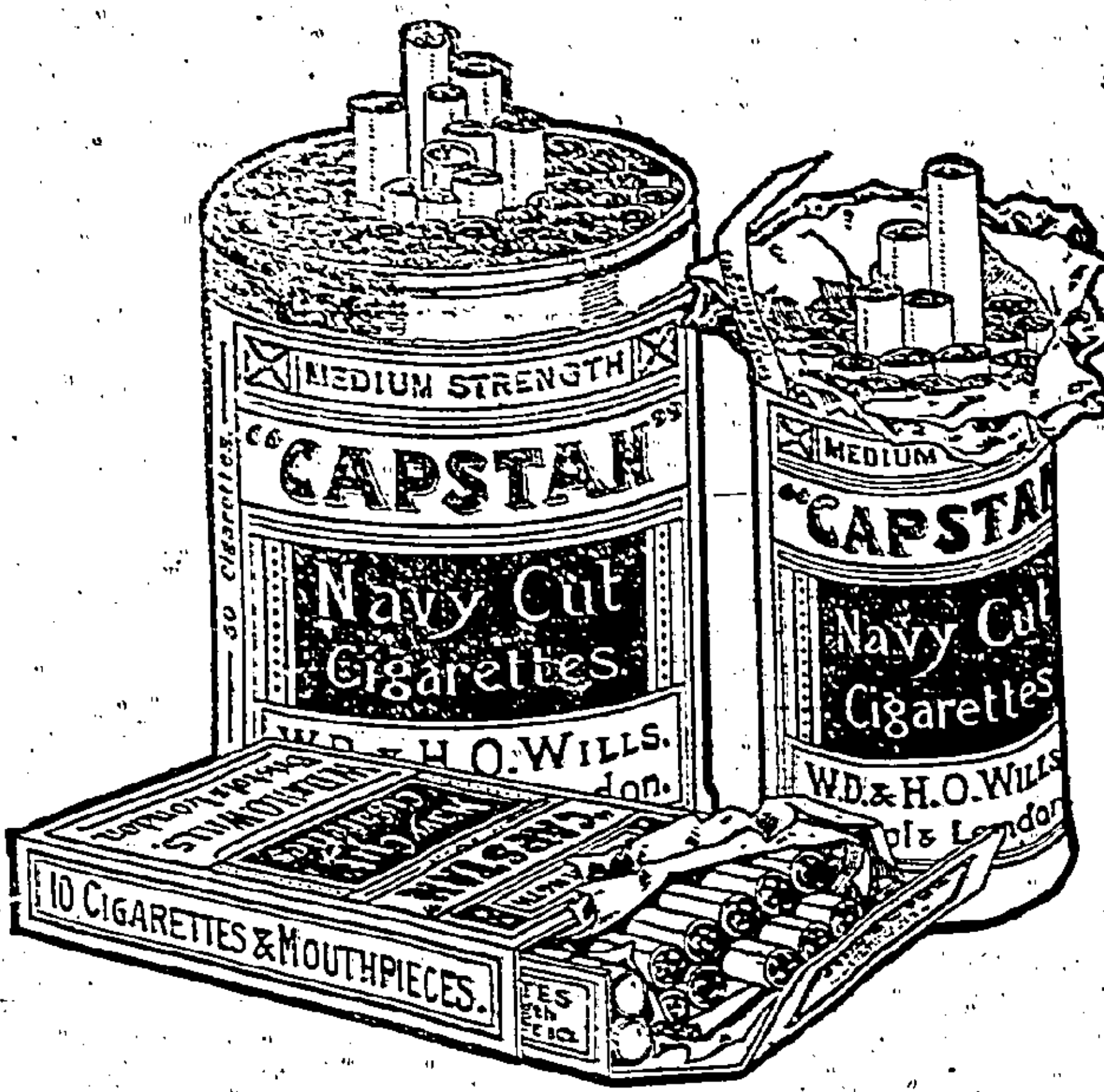
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Many of these difficulties are of a political nature. The British manufacturer has to confront competition of a different kind from elsewhere. If the prizes are great, the obstacles are high.

For many years Britain was supreme in the China market. It was a case of England first and the rest of the world nowhere. This supremacy has been seriously challenged, first by Germany and then by Japan.

German competition was greatly weakened by the results of a serious financial crisis some years ago, which caused the collapse of some of the biggest German houses, and later by the war. But the German has still to be reckoned with. He is, not unpopular among the Chinese, and is persistent and hard working. Japanese competition is altogether of a more serious kind. I will discuss it more fully later on.

THE EAST INDIA MERCHANT HOUSES.

British trade, in the Far East, was for generations conducted almost solely through great firms of East India merchants, carrying on their businesses on an enormous scale, with headquarters at the great Treaty ports and connections all over the land. These firms are, perhaps, the nearest approach to the princely merchant-adventurers of the Elizabethan Age that we have left among us. Many have their own shipping lines and most have great influence in public affairs. The story of Jardine, Matheson and Co., for example, is interwoven with the history of European relations in China for the last century. Firms like Doddwell's and Butterfield and Swire, are household names throughout the Far East. In more recent years we have seen leading British manufacturers establish themselves on a big scale,

start Chinese factories, and create organisations throughout the interior. Levers and their allied organisation, Price's are good examples of this. The British American Tobacco Co. has a vast Chinese organisation of its own, which is the wonder of all who have studied it. I have been amazed when travelling far in the interior to come up against one of the provincial conferences of the British American Tobacco organisation and sellers. A group of keen, pleasant, Chinese business men would come together to meet their European chief, and the proceedings would be conducted with the exactness, the zest and the close attention to detail that would mark one of the best organised conferences in London.

The manufacturer who contemplates tackling the Far Eastern market should at the beginning acquire a very real respect for the people he is trying to cater for. He will find possibly much to amuse him in their prejudices, but he will find very much more to respect in their sound business qualities. He is seeking the support not of barbaric folk, but of people highly educated and highly trained, with a civilisation older than his own.

THE JAPANESE PROBLEM.

No one can attempt to do business in the Far East without immediately coming up against the Japanese problem and finding himself up against it all the time. The Japanese politically are our Allies; commercially they are our great rivals. They are rapidly developing their manufactures, not merely for their home markets, but for world export. You will find them, everywhere, strong, self-contained, energetic and progressive communities, fighting hard for trade, tooth and nail, and fighting hard for the control of trade.

Despite very cordial relations that exist between Japanese as individuals and the European communities, the Japanese as body are not popular with the English-speaking people of the Far East. Their unpopularity is due partly to their very virtues and partly to their faults. The Englishman who from childhood has looked upon himself as one of the supreme people of the world, does not like it when he finds himself being met in business and sometimes undercut and undersold by an Easterner who is confident of his natural superiority over the European. The Japanese are freely accused of trickiness in trade and not keeping to their bargains, and of adopting methods which we do not think fair. There is some truth in this, but it is not the whole truth. The great Japanese houses conduct their business on the most scrupulously honest lines. Japanese national finance is beyond suspicion. But the smaller Japanese dealer is apt to be tricky, and has to be handled very carefully. He has a bad reputation for repudiating bargains when they go against him. The quality of his products have to be watched.

This is largely due to the ancient national traditions which made trading for personal profit among the Japanese a dishonourable and a disgraceful thing. The old time Japanese trader, knowing that his neighbours looked on him as a scoundrel, thought that he might make his scoundrelism as profitable as possible. This feeling remains in some quarters in spite of every effort of the Government, the great merchants and the financiers, by education and precept, to remove it. The broad general rule remains. The great Japanese merchants are as reliable as the merchants of any other land, but there is a sufficient proportion of unreliable men among the smaller manufacturers and merchants to make the English business houses very careful of entering into transactions which depend upon their business honour.

The main complaint against the Japanese among the business community in the Far East is that they are attempting by political influence and by control of means of communication to close up parts of the Far East to us. They are giving Japan practically a monopoly of Korean trade, Korea a land with close on twenty million people. Now that they control large parts of Manchuria, some of the most experienced Far Eastern houses refuse to try to do business there; they believe that it is no use; they say that the Japanese give their own goods such advantages on the railways there and use their influence in such ways to spread Japanese trade, that the English firm stands little or no chance. It is a general complaint that the Japanese control of Tientsin has made the market around there much more inaccessible to Britain than ever before.

Alongside of this employment of political influence has gone the wholesale purchase by the Japanese of all manner of natural rights and commercial privileges in China. During the war, when England was too busy to interfere, they secured enormous advantages in this way, sometimes by the wholesale bribery of local officials, or by the exercise of great political pressure. Their business aim is commercial domination of the East.

BRITISH MANUFACTURERS AND JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES.

Some big British houses, recognising the remarkable advantages possessed by the Japanese for Eastern trade have resolved that it is better to co-operate with them than to fight them. Anyone who studies a list of Far Eastern enterprises will see now more and more Japanese merchants are becoming the representatives of British manufacturers in Asia. This is what the Japanese want. They claim that they are in the most advantageous position for doing business with Asia and that England and America would secure the greatest and most profitable return

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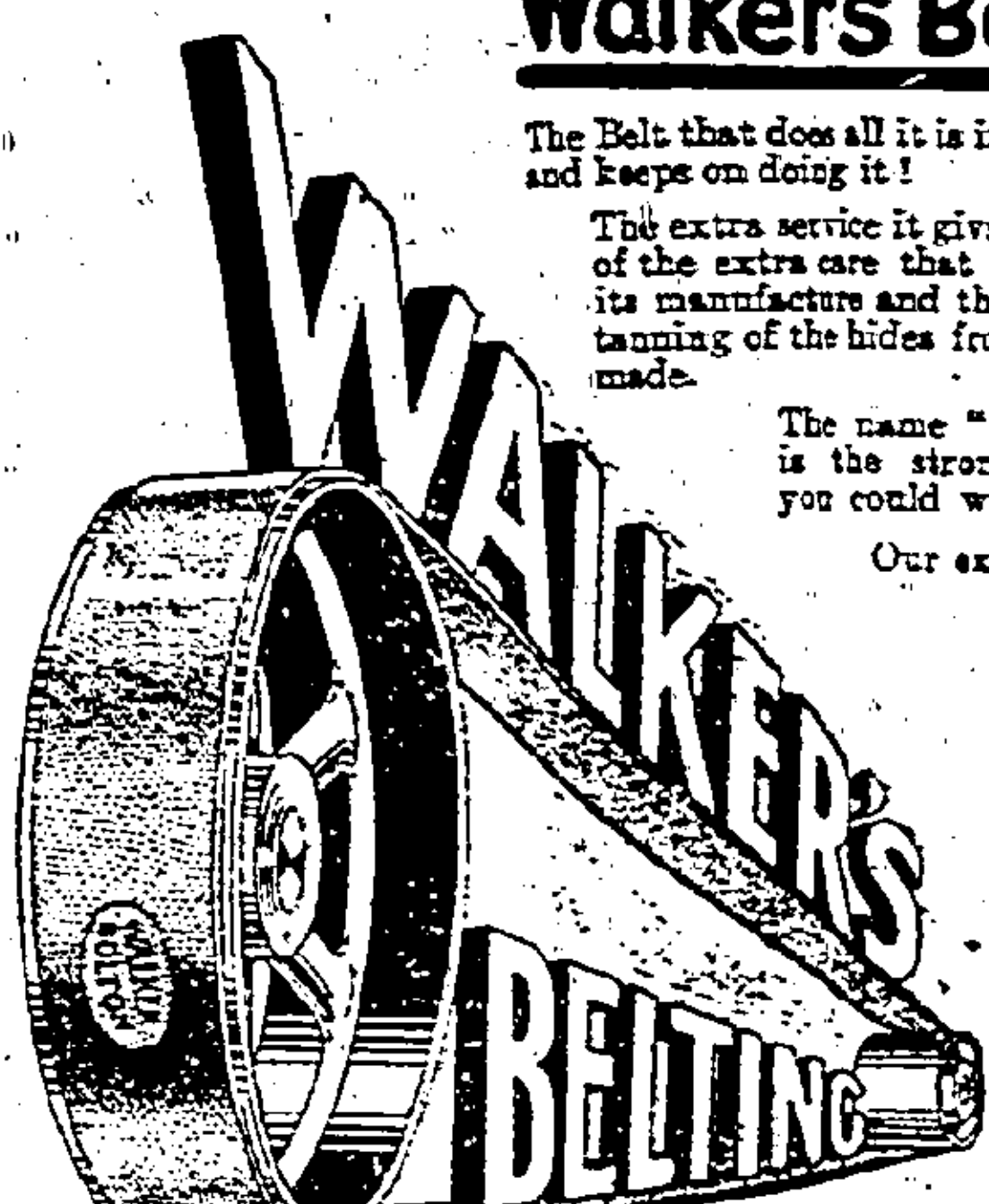
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OF MUSTARD EATERS.

There is always a dab of mustard left on the side of the plate. The vision of all the plates so decorated at the end of any Hongkong day is not one to be willingly conjured up. It is a sort of Yellow Peril in its way. Pointing at his own plate at this other day, a certain man said, with a giggle—and things that are said with a giggle are always the hardest to bear—that he was one of those who contributed to Mr. Colman's immense fortune. Knowledge of the financial standing of this Mr. Colman, if there is such a person, is denied us. The law of libel in any case makes it imprudent to say too much about it, in case he is a real person, to whom bankers and brokers bow. Let us assume, since there is nothing inherently improbable in the proposition, that a Mr. Colman does exist. Let us further assume, what is quite likely, that as a maker of condiment he is very rich. Has he himself heard of this oft-repeated boast that is made by more than fifty per cent. of the contributors of his wealth? Made, as already remarked, with a giggle. If so, how oppressed he must feel. These vermillion evidences of vulgar greed and over-reaching, repeated in an eternal series extending right round the earth, and complicating, one must conclude, the simple duties of the dish-washers, would oppress any man of decent feeling. Especially if it came to his knowledge that twice a day, in uncountable dining rooms, it is a subject for boasting and for giggles. Nothing can properly be urged against the British tendency to consume beef. Indeed, there is a school, we be-

lieve, that regards it as a factor in the sum of our imperial glory. It has helped—some authorities mention beer in this connection—to make our empire what it is to-day. It is none of our business to deny it, even if we felt such an impulse, which is far from us. Nor would we be understood to suggest in any way that the custom of taking mustard with beef helps or hinders the political effects of it. Our purpose is merely to offer a hint that the habit of taking more mustard than he intends to consume is one of the least admirable traits in the character of our national. It is such obvious waste. It looks greedy. It is an ill wind that blows Mr. Colman good, it may be; but it seems to prevent itself naturally as an excuse, to diners of a certain sort, the sort that giggle when they say it. It is computed that thirty-nine millions of people have said it, with a giggle, twice every day for the last forty years. This is awful to contemplate. If they must persist in belabouring the edges of their plates with mustard they do not consume, at least they might look round for a fresh excuse for so doing. It is not as if they were under any obligation to the Colman family. They are not related, so far as we know. They could so easily assure us that they have an aesthetic pleasure in the decorative effect of yellow mustard on a plate, and we would so gladly accept their assurance, with or without the accompanying giggle. The other excuse has less verisimilitude. Let us not be too shy about confessing that it has begun to bore us. We have even caught ourselves, under the irritating influence of the giggles before mentioned, entertaining for Mr. Colman inimical sentiments which in calmer moments we realize he has done nothing to provoke. It can not be his fault that they are so foolish about his product. But human nature works in this way. It is hopeless ever to expect to over-

come it. For the man who takes mustard with his cheese we have nothing but respect. The man who takes it in his bath has our whole-hearted sympathy. Doubtless he has need of it. But for the man who takes a vast dollop of mustard on the edge of his plate, and then calls our attention to it, giving with a giggle the empty-stem billoneth repetition of a phrase that must be as old as mustard itself, we have contempt and loathing and hate. These few feeble words are, as a matter of fact, meant as a warning that the next time he does it, and says it will be the final straw that breaks the back of our endurance and forbearance, and that for whatever happens to him then we shall not bear any moral responsibility.

CANTON POLITICS.

The dinner and the squawking in the Canton street, over the matter of Customs control has died down. The First of February has come and some like the forecast day that was to be the end of the world, and we are still all going about our business. Yet not so say the matter be dismissed from our minds. The Cantonese government has right and justice in its claim to any surplus of Customs revenue collected within its jurisdiction. Its only error, as we said it at the time, was in announcing its intention to take what it claimed. There are not to be any more in that fashion, though they may be feasible in other ways. It is understood that all the consular representatives except the British have intimated to the Canton government that they agree to the justice of the claim. We wonder if the British Consul knows that, or if perchance he may have been hoodwinked by the diplomacy of his colleagues. We wonder if he knows that for this, or for the manner of it among the Chinese, British trade is being endangered. If the answer be that he does not mean anything like foreign recognition for the Canton government, it would be well if so, and if the British had the sense to be anchored in it, for it seems that the present government is a puppet. Fully sixty per cent. of the people are devoted to it, and to all of its leading men save Sun Yat-sen. He, worthy fellow, does not cut so much ice among the Chinese as foreigners suppose. They recognise his impractical, impracticable nature as a statesman, who would go too fast for them. He has some honour in his own country, which, as Desdemona did Othello, loves him for the dangers he has passed, but in Canton he is good-humouredly given an office and allowed to play at statecraft without being taken seriously. The venerable Wu is the brain of it, and Chan is the executive ability. And there are others. They need really money very much, and are to be praised for the way they have resisted the blandishments of foreign Jacobins, tempting this young Esau with a mess of pottage. It says much for their ability and future that the army, its pay greatly in arrears, stands fast and loyally. They are to be praised for the easily observable, good order and progress which they have so promptly set going. Generalities about China and the Chinese are fatally easy and common, but there is no risk in asserting what is so easy to maintain, that Canton is more honest than Peking. If it has not yet achieved the success of recognition by the Powers, it has done more; it has deserved it. We hope such flimsy and unimpressive as we criticized a week or so ago will be dropped in favour of the quiet diplomacy that is working so much better, if all tales that reach us be true.

YAU MATI FERRY.

LAUNCH COXSAIN FINED.

TOO MANY PASSENGERS.

For carrying 22 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence, the coxswain of the Yau mati Ferry launch "Ching Po" was fined \$10 by Commander Beckwith, R. N., at the Marine Court yesterday.

Lance Sergeant Carey said the offence occurred on February 1. On the arrival of the "Ching Po" at Yau mati, he and defendant counted the passengers as they disembarked. There were 204 adults and a number of children. The defendant's licence permitted him to carry 182 people. There were also more than ten trays and baskets of fish on board.

Mr. H. L. Dennis appeared for the defence. The Manager of the Ferry Company said that since the Company was fined the last time, he had given instructions to his coxswains to regulate the number of passengers, and to use the spare launches if necessary. Mr. Dennis said the Company had done everything possible to prevent the launches carrying excess passengers.

Commander Beckwith said that in view of the efforts made by the Company in that direction, he would impose only a small fine.

BRUTAL MURDER.

HAWKER KILLED FOR WARIS.

FOUR MEN CHARGED.

The story of the murder by five men of a hawk for the few rolls of cloth he carried was told at the Magistrate before Mr. G. N. Orme, yesterday afternoon. Four Chinese, alleged to have been in the gang, were charged with the crime. The hawk's name was Fung Tong, and the murder took place in a vacant house at Ma-lung-kung village, Samshipo, on Jan. 9. Mr. T. Haslerig, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. He said the victim lived at No. 55 Hollywood Road. On the morning of the 9th he left home to sell cloth in Samshipo. A witness had seen him accosted by a man and led in the direction in which his body later was found. Later in the afternoon two men happened to stop at a vacant house and heard sounds of scuffle within. When they entered, there were five men inside. They saw rolls of cloth, and the victim's body, partly covered by matting. The five men told them a murder had been committed, and promised them a share in the spoil if they kept quiet. When at length they were allowed to leave the premises, they reported the matter to the police.

The four men in the dock had been identified as among the five who were in the house. On one of them was found a purse bearing the name of the victim; on another a key to the house, and money to the amount of that with which the victim had left his home; and the clothing of another was secured with tape similar to that with which the rolls of cloth had been bound. A broken bell was found in the house.

The theory of the prosecution was that the hawk had been struck on the head, and then strangled with a piece of his own cloth.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Still another clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday.

Lady Stubbs presents the prizes at St. Paul's Girls' School this afternoon.

The C. M. S. Co.'s "China" sailed from Shanghai on February 3, and may be expected to arrive here on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 6 p.m.

Tong Tim, the coolie employed at Government House, who is charged with the murder of an amah, Chan Cheuk, was committed for trial at the Sessions by Mr. R. E. Lindsay, at the Magistrate, yesterday.

General Tachibana, who has recently been appointed to succeed General Oi as commander of the Japanese expeditionary army in Far Eastern Siberia, recently the Vice-Chief of the General Staff, assured a reporter of the *Hochi* that he will deal sternly with any infringement of the Japanese interests by the Bolsheviks.

From Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie, and Co., local agents of the P. & O. S. N. Co., we have received in handy booklet form a copy of the speech of the Chairman, the Rt. Hon. Lord Inchcape at the 80th ordinary general meeting of the Company held in London on December 8, last. The substance of the speech has already been reprinted in the *China Mail*.

The private and public lives of the Emperors of Japan from the earliest recorded days to the present time, which have heretofore been veiled by the curtain of mystery and religious piety, are to be revealed to the people of the Empire and of the world under the proposed plan of the Bureau of Librarians of the Imperial Household Department, says the *Yomiuri*.

Carefully preserved for 700 years within the image of the Senju Kwanon, the Goddess of Mercy, one of the national treasures of Japan, several paintings of Buddha and manuscripts of Japanese text were brought to light the other day by Mr. Tsunoo Myochin of the Nara Fine Arts Club while repairing the image, which stands in the temple of Fukuji-ji, at Mabuchi-mura, Kamakura, Shiga-ken. Officers of the temple and of the prefectural government's section of shrines are very interested in the discovery, reports the *Osaka Mainichi* and will make a detailed examination of the pictures.

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PERJURY CHARGE.

NAVAL MEN CAUTIONED.

SAILOR JAILED FOR ASSAULT.

Before Magistrate Orme at the Magistrate this morning, Leading Telegraphist Joseph Dixon of H.M.S. "Tamar" and Leading Signaller Patrick Thomas Driscoll of H.M.S. "Hawkins" were charged with having unlawfully and wilfully given false testimony before the Magistrate on February 1, in a case in which Seaman Edward Thomas Sharp of H.M.S. "Tamar" was charged with having committed assault on a Wanchai shopkeeper.

Addressing the accused, the Magistrate said that he had directed Inspector Kent to put their names on the charge sheet for giving false testimony in the case in question. Their action had made it very hard for him to decide the case. However, on considering the matter afterwards, he had come to the decision that their feeling towards Sharp, their mate, had led them to give support to his story. He did not believe what they had said, but he had intended to make Sharp responsible for the case as put before him. Therefore he would caution them that when they came to Court, they must tell what they saw. He would now discharge them.

Turning to Sharp the Magistrate said that after hearing the evidence of the case, he felt that there was no doubt that he had gone to the shop of the complainant, a Chinese, and seriously assaulted him. In view of what had happened, he believed the complainant's story to be true. He quite appreciated the fact that a man might sometimes come ashore and get involved in quarrels, but if he gave full assistance to the police by giving his name and that of his ship, which he had not done, there was no difficulty, as a rule, in settling the matter by paying compensation. He understood that at the station the accused had given the Inspector much trouble by refusing information concerning himself. He did not believe the complainant's story that the accused had stolen part of his stock. One thing he would like to impress on the accused was the necessity of giving every assistance possible to the police. He had done so in this case, he felt sure that the Inspector would have tried to settle the matter. In the circumstances, as the case stood before him, said the Magistrate, he did not feel himself justified in giving the accused the option of a fine. He would therefore sentence him to 14 days' hard labour, and order him to pay \$5 to the complainant as compensation.

When the case was heard on February 1, the complainant in his evidence alleged that Sharp and three other blujackets came to his shop on January 28. Sharp ordered 20 packets of cigarettes and 20 packets of chewing gum which he distributed among his friends and then walked out without paying. The complainant followed him out of the shop and asked for payment whereupon Sharp knocked him down with a heavy blow on the nose. The complainant also alleged that Sharp gave him several more blows while he was on the ground.

While not denying that he was in the vicinity of the shop, Sharp pleaded mistaken identity. He said that he, Dixon and Driscoll were walking together on the opposite side of the road when they saw four seamen run out of the shop followed by the complainant. They went across the road to see what the trouble was about. The four men got away, and the complainant accused him.

Both Dixon and Driscoll corroborated this story in the witness box.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

KOWLOON ENTERTAINMENT.

INITIAL PROGRAMME.

The first of the social events contemplated by the newly formed Men's Association fostered by St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was given on Wednesday evening, with marked success. A very pleasing programme was received with enthusiasm, the audience demanding numerous encores.

The programme was arranged by Captain Fogg, and included some of the best talent in the Colony. Among those who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were Mrs. Dwyer, Miss Cricket, Lena and Tedo, Mr. Cyril Alan, Mr. Biggar, Mr. Howard Freeborn, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Bregan. Boy Scouts served the assembly with smokes, and coffee was provided during the interval.

The Rev. Mr. Lindsay, in a brief speech, expressed the thanks of the Men's Association to the performers and to Captain Fogg. He hoped that with such an excellent start the Association would continue to grow in numbers and effectiveness. He mentioned the coming Marathon race, literary debates, and other proposed activities as evidence of its keen spirit and the variety of tastes for which it intends to cater.

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SPORT.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

CLUB V. NAVY.

The following will represent the Club against "The Navy" on Saturday on the Club ground at 2.15 p.m.: T. E. Pearce (Captain), L. J. Davies, D. E. Donnelly, G. M. Dorkins, W. H. Drummond, Major Edwards, F. H. Farthing, R. M. Madden, H. A. Sawyer, D. J. Valentine and R. E. A. Webster.

BILLIARDS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the V.R.C. last night, L. A. Osmund and R. F. da Luz met in the second round of the open tournament for the Billiards Championship of the Colony. A very close and interesting game resulted in a win for Osmund by the narrow margin of 20 points. The final scores were—Osmund, 500; Luz, 480. The best breaks of the match were—Osmund, 35, 32 (twice), 31, 26, 25, 22 (finished), 17, 15 and 12; Luz, 35, 34, 30, 28, 23, 20, 16, 15 and 14.

HO KONG TONG CUPS.

Last night's play at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, in connection with the tournament for the above cups resulted in J. Cassin (-50) beating J. Steer (-150), 250-142; and W. G. Gerrard (-150) defeating A. J. Pile (-200), 250-207.

The highest breaks of the evening were—Cassin, 22; Gerrard, 26 (twice), 24, 16 (twice) and 15 (twice); and Pile, 46, 29, 28, 21, 19 and 16.

TO-NIGHT'S GAMES.
6 p.m.—W. French (-100) vs. Ho Sai Man (-150).
9 p.m.—C. Hatt (-100) v. E. Guimaraes (-200).

H.K.C.C.

ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The annual tennis tournament of the Hongkong Cricket Club will be held on the Cricket Ground, commencing on Tuesday, March 1.

The events are—
Championship Singles.—Open to any player resident in the Colony, for a Challenge Cup kindly presented by Sir Robert Ho Tung, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same player three years in succession.

Championship Doubles.—Open to any player resident in the Colony, for two Challenge Cups kindly presented by the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same pair three years in succession. (Holders Messrs. M. W. & M. K. Lo, 1920).

The following events are open to members and subscribers of the Club only:—

Club Championship.—For a Challenge Cup kindly presented by the late Mons. R. de Journal, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same player three years in succession.

Handicap Singles "A."
Handicap Singles "B."
Handicap Doubles.
Mixed Handicap Doubles.
Entries close on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

FOOTBALL.

"SHIELD" PRACTICE MATCH.

ST. JOSEPH'S V. "TAMAR."

In anticipation of the Hongkong "Shield" Competition which opens on Saturday when St. Joseph's meet H.M.S. "Colombo," a test match was played on the Dockyard ground yesterday evening between the St. Josephians and the "Tamar" XI for the purpose of trying out some of the former's new players.

There was a large gathering present to watch the game which was very fast and exciting throughout. A keen struggle resulted in a draw of 1 goal all. Both XI's played excellent football, and after the match all doubts were removed as to the ability of the St. Joseph's team to give a good account of itself on Saturday.

The "Tamar" kicked off against a strong wind and immediately made attacks for enemy territory where Hyndman cleared. Receiving the ball, Robinson ran strongly down the right wing and centered beautifully. Hyndman trapped and passed to Ogley who winged to Omar. The latter took a shot from an awkward angle, and the ball went wide. In taking the goal kick, the Sailors' back made the mistake of skying the ball and it was immediately brought back to the danger zone by the wind. A very strenuous struggle took place inside the penalty area, Hyndman an Ogley testing Mitch with difficult shots which the latter cleared with apparent ease. Then the Sailors paid a flying visit to the St. Joseph's end of the field, and Silva brought off a rather lucky save, the shot which was his way being swift and very difficult to stop. Returning to the attack, the St. Josephians again showed the "Tamar" goal and Mitch saved from Robinson and Hyndman in quick succession. Mitch's save from Hyndman sent the ball spinning swiftly towards Ogley who missed it by a hair's breadth. The back was about

JUDGMENT STANDS.

APPLICATION DENIED.

SUMMARY COURT CASE.

Application by the defence to set aside a judgment in the case of Wing Fat against the Chai Wo Steamship Co., on the ground of faulty service, was denied in the Summary Court this morning by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood. The suit was for \$259.96 for materials and repairs to certain of the Company's steamers, and judgment was given for the plaintiff.

The plaintiff was represented by Mr. McNamara, of Desdon, Looker, Desdon and Harston; the defendant by Mr. Crew of Hastings and Hastings.

His Lordship said: The application is that I should set aside the judgment in the case, and the view I am taking is that the application amounts to an application for a review and that the Court in Summary Jurisdiction is a statutory Court and that it has power to review as provided by Section 17 of the Summary Court Ordinance and that the application is therefore out of date. The consequence is whatever view is taken of the merits, I am powerless to make the order asked for and therefore the application by Mr. Crew for the defendants is refused and your application, Mr. McNamara, to take the money out of Court is granted.

Mr. McNamara: With costs, my Lord?

His Lordship: With costs.

Mr. Crew: What remedy have we got?

His Lordship: I think that the only remedy is for you to apply for an extension to appeal.

MIROVA-PODOLSKY.

SUCCESS IN CANTON.

ANOTHER PERFORMANCE.

A notable success was achieved by Miss Vera Mirova, the classic dancer, and Mr. Leo Podolsky, the distinguished pianist, on their appearance in Canton. The hall was crowded to capacity, and an enthusiastic reception was accorded the two performers. By request they are giving another recital to-day. A handsome grand Pleyel piano was loaned for the performance.

Miss Mirova and Mr. Podolsky will appear in a return engagement in Hongkong next Monday night at 9.15 at the Theatre Royal.

C.P.O.S. CHAIRMAN.

COMING VISIT TO FAR EAST.

BRIEF STAY IN HONGKONG.

Local shipping men will be interested to learn that Mr. G. M. Bosworth, Chairman of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, is shortly making his first trip to the Far East, coming out on the next trip of the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," which sails from Vancouver on February 10 and is due here on March 4. Mr. Bosworth, who is coming out with a party of prominent Canadian people, will not, unfortunately, remain in the East very long, as arrangements have been made for him to sail by the same steamer from Yokohama to Vancouver on April 9. Mr. Bosworth is well known in shipping circles in Britain, Canada, and the United States.

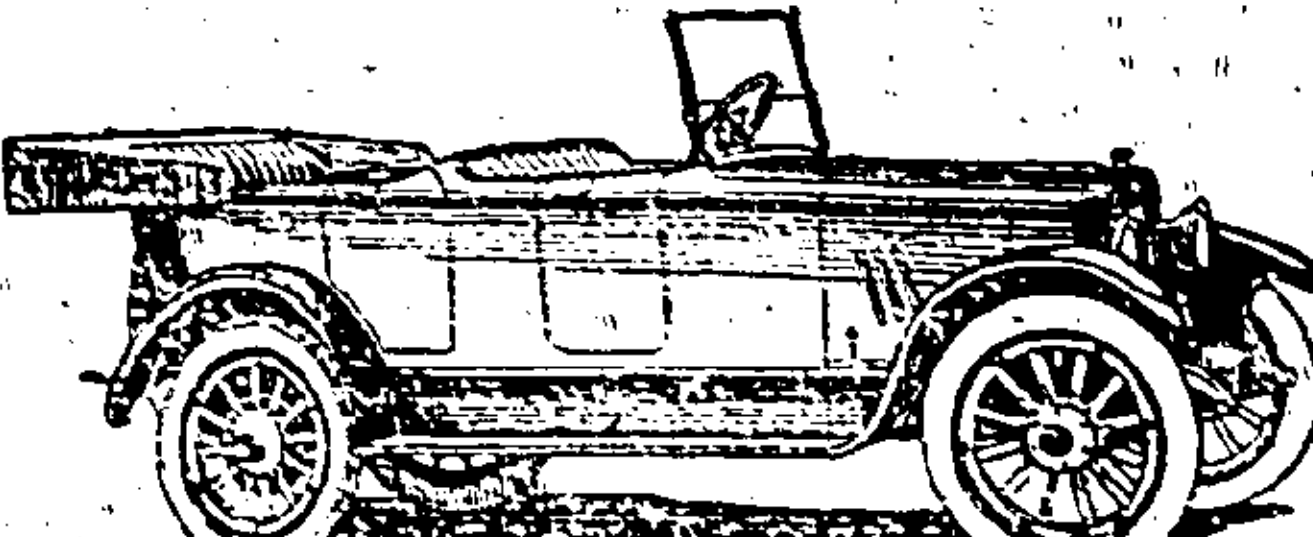
The appointment of Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan to Act as First Bailiff of the Supreme Court, and Mr. E. L. Scainfield as Second Bailiff, during the absence of Mr. A. W. Hill on long leave, has been approved by H.E. the Governor.

to clear when Omar rushed in from the left wing and getting his foot to the ball sent in a cross shot, which just got the inside of the net. This score was greeted with much applause. Half time arrived with the St. Josephians leading by one goal to nil.

The wind increased somewhat in the second half and the ball was for most of the time kept in St. Joseph's territory where the Sailors rained in shots from all angles and ranges only to miss the net by inches. Two low shots Silva attempted to kick out and on both occasions the ball hit the upright and was cleared by Hyndman before the Sailors could follow up the advantage. After the Sailors had had several more shots at goal, the ball was cleared only to fall at the feet of Toppin, the Sailors' right half. He trapped the ball beautifully and without hesitation sent in a split second shot which Silva could not stop. With the scores level, both sides worked hard for the deciding goal. Handicapped by the wind, the St. Josephians were pressed but they played gamely, and managed to keep their citadel from further downfall. The final whistle found the result a very appropriate draw.

Mr. Jones was the referee.

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ANNUAL MEETING.
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The thirty-fourth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., was held at noon to-day, at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The Hon. Mr. John Johnston, chairman, presided, and there were present: Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Pater, Messrs. A. O. Lang, A. H. Compton, G. M. Dodwell, A. S. Gubbay, D. M. Graham (Directors); W. S. Brown (Secretary); and the following shareholders: Messrs. J. Hopson, A. S. Ellis, A. W. Heron, P. K. Kook, H. Humphreys, I. Pettie, G. C. Moxon, Chan Si Ki, J. H. Wallace, H. O. Leung, J. W. Kew, and A. E. Griffin.

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said: Gentlemen, I propose with your consent to take the report and accounts as read. The chief alterations in the balance sheet last year are the additional amounts of capital expenditure in connection with our Buildings and Wharves. The sum of \$168,629.67 under Kowloon Buildings covers our payments during the year for the new Office and the new reinforced concrete godown. The latter, which has been utilized throughout the year, has been of very considerable value to the Company in relieving the congestion which otherwise would have been experienced had it not been for the extra accommodation we are now able to offer, continue to keep comfortably full.

The amount mentioned as "since expended" under the heading "Kowloon Wharves" represents the cost to date of the steel work for the extension of our No. 1 wharf, which we hope to be in a position to complete during the next month or two. Cross receipts for 1920 are \$7,443.97 less than for 1919, which difference is accounted for by a slight decrease in earnings and an increase in the cost of maintenance of railway stock and plant. This results in a slight diminution in our net profits, but your Directors consider that the figures justify them in recommending an increase of \$1 in the bonus to shareholders, which I trust will meet with your approval.

As you are no doubt aware Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice lately carried out a survey of this harbour with a view to advising the Hongkong Government on its future development. Up to the present there is no indication of when we may expect to receive his report, but bearing in mind the fact that he has to visualize Hongkong 30 years hence, I do not suppose that he is at all likely to put forward suggestions for development with a view to the future without first taking time for consideration. His report may therefore be delayed for some months.

I mention this matter because there exists in the Colony a feeling of apprehension that when the report does come to hand it will be found that Sir Maurice recommends the erection of Government wharves at the back of those now occupied by Talcoo. If such a suggestion is put forward I think it will be found that attached thereto is a recommendation that the Government should not enter into direct competition with existing concerns, but should endeavour to come to some mutually satisfactory arrangement therewith, either as regards management or for the acquisition of existing companies.

This, however, is looking a good many years ahead, and I merely touch on it now to allay fears which may exist in the minds of present shareholders that their investments in this concern are not so good as they thought they were, or that the Government will be encouraged to themselves embark upon an opposition concern without heed for existing undertakings of a similar nature.

With these remarks, Gentlemen, I beg to propose the adoption of this report and accounts.

Mr. G. C. Moxon said: "Good wine requires no bush." The excellent figures before you require no eulogy from me. I think the management should receive our hearty thanks. I second the adoption of the report.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Humphreys and seconded by Mr. A. E. Griffin that the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Pater and Mr. A. H. Compton be re-elected directors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Ho Leung proposed, and Mr. J. W. Kew seconded, that Messrs. F. Mailand and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$700 each. Carried unanimously.

HONGKONG LAND AND BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

The thirty-second ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land and Building Company, Ltd., was held at noon to-day at the offices of the Company in Victoria Buildings, Hongkong. Mr. J. E. Pearce (Chairman of the Company) presided, and there were also present: Father Robert, Messrs. J. Rodger (Director), L. S. Greenhill, W. R. Wilkinson, J. H. Seth, J. M. Machado and Mowbray S. Northcote (Secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, The report and statement of accounts together with the Auditors' report having been in your hands for some days, I propose to take as read.

The net profit for the year is I regret to say somewhat below that for 1919 being \$16,612.28 as against \$18,922.46 in spite of the fact that our revenue from rents and interest shows an increase. This result is entirely due to expenditure on upkeep of our property, our repairs bill being just under \$8,000 as compared with only \$1,335 in the previous year, the heaviest expenditure being in the external renovation of our entire property. As the shortage of housing accommodation in our district appears to be as acute to-day as it was when addressing you last year, your Directors have decided to further postpone any contemplated re-development of the property with the exception of some needed repairs to roofs, now being carried out, the houses appear to be in a habitable condition and there is therefore no immediate urgency for rebuilding.

It is now proposed to pay a dividend of \$2.90 per share or 10 cents per share less than last year and to carry forward \$535.56 to a new account.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and shall be glad if some member will kindly second the motion.

Mr. J. M. Machado seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. J. Rodger proposed, and Mr. Northcote seconded, the confirmation of the Rev. Father Robert as director of the Company.

The motion was carried. The re-election of Mr. Rodger and of Father Robert as directors of the Company was then approved, on the proposition of Mr. Seth, seconded by Mr. Greenhill.

The re-election of Mr. Percy Smith as auditor, at a remuneration of \$100 per annum was carried, on the motion of the Rev. Father Robert, seconded by Mr. Greenhill.

This concluded the business.

HIGHWAY ROBBERS.
HOTEL COOLIE WOUNDED.
WOMAN INTIMIDATED.

A coolie employed at the Repulse Bay Hotel was returning to the hotel via Wanchai Gap Road, yesterday morning, when he was accosted near the golf links by three men, one of whom produced a dagger and threatened to stab him if he offered any resistance. He grappled with this man, but the other two bore him to the ground. In the course of the struggle on the ground, the man with the dagger wounded him in the thigh. The robbers took \$5.63 from his coat pocket, and stole a bundle of clothing valued at \$3.90 which he was carrying, and then decamped up the hill-side.

A Chinese married woman living on Stonecutters, who was walking from Hongkong to Yauwatt through a short cut path behind the King's Park Range, yesterday afternoon, was half way through the park when two men suddenly stepped out of the bushes. One of the men who

was armed with a dagger caught her by the wrist and threatened to kill her if she gave the alarm. He then took from her finger a gold ring valued at \$12. The other man took from her coat-pocket \$10 in notes. Both men then left her and ran up the hill in the direction of Hongkong.

FOREIGN DYES.
EXPORT REGULATIONS.
LOCAL CHINESE FIRM FINED.

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, Mr. N. L. Smith, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, charged Li Sham, of the Leung Yin Hong, of No. 124, Des Voeux Road West, with having improperly described five packages of sulphate of soda which he proposed to export.

Mr. A. E. Hall who appeared for the defence entered a plea of not guilty.

Mr. Smith said that foreign dyes were not allowed to be sold in the Colony as a protection for British manufactured dyes. Foreign dyes were importable into the Colony only under special licence, and then they must be re-exported as received. Suspicion having been aroused that certain firms were importing foreign dyes and keeping them in the Colony exporting other stuff in their stead, packages returned for export as dyes were searched on Friday and out of ten cases belonging to the defendant's firm, five were found to contain sulphate of soda.

Mr. Hall said that the whole thing was a mistake and the boatman who was engaged to take packages on board the s.s. "Chuenchow" for exportation to Macao was entirely to blame. Altogether ten packages were taken delivery of and the boatman was instructed to take the five packages of dyes to the "Chuenchow" and the other five packages containing sulphate of soda, to the shop. An illiterate man, he made the mistake of putting the wrong packages on the ship. As soon as the firm discovered the mistake on the Saturday, a representative was sent to report to the L and E. Office, but unfortunately the office was closed and his clients had no option but to wait until the Monday. The dyes were intended for Shekhi.

The dyes were of Japanese origin. Owing to the boycott of Japanese goods in the country, they had to be packed in matting in the same way as sulphate of soda.

Mr. Smith said that the packages of dyes were larger than those of sulphate of soda and bore marks. It was curious that the unmarked packages should be put on board and the marked ones removed to the shop. Mr. Lindsell asked if the L and E. Office took a serious view of the case. Mr. Smith said he did as it was a convenient mistake which could be often repeated.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Teiresias," Capt. Riepenhausen, 4,821 tons, arrived this morning at 7.45 a.m. from Singapore with 740 tons of general cargo etc.

The s.s. "Delta," Capt. Hetherington, 4,738.57 tons, arrived this morning at 7.30 a.m. from Shanghai with 60 tons of general cargo and 240 bags of mail.

The s.s. "Simferopol," Capt. Steinhilber, 1,493 tons, arrived this morning at 7 a.m. from Bangkok with 2,000 tons of rice.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Glencue," Capt. Kennett sailed for London via Singapore at daylight to-day with 500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Eurythmus," Capt. Hill, sailed for Yokohama via Shanghai at 8 a.m. to-day with 500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Hsiching," Captain Stewart, sailed for Foochow via Swatow at 3 p.m. to-day with 800 tons of general cargo.

CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Pakhoi," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Foochow at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Teiresias," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at noon to-morrow.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1921, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending December 31st, 1920 and declaring a Dividend.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MOTOR CAR FOR SALE.
SEATER 6 CYLINDER STUDEBAKER. PRICE \$3,000. Can be seen on application to Commander M. Cowen, H.M.S. Alacrity, Naval Yard.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.
ORDERS BY LIEUT. COLONEL L. G. BIRN, D.S.O.
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.
Hongkong.
Friday, 4th February, 1921.

1. Parades.
Parades for week ending 12th February, will be held in accordance with Programme of Work.

2. Musketry.
No. 2 Platoon will fire Part II. Annual Musketry Course on Sunday, 13th February, at 10 a.m. on King's Park Range.

3. Promotions.
The following Promotions will take effect from this date.

No. 1 Platoon.
To be Sergeant, No. 201 Pte. E. W. Alderson, M. C. vice Sergt. T. P. M. Moran M. C. Commissioned.

To be Corporals.
No. 195 Pte. T. R. Bennett, M.M. No. 195 Pte. A. W. Roberts, M.M.

4. Mounted Infantry Section.
Parade at Polo Ground, Causeway Bay on Friday, 11th February, at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Optional.

5. Cadet Company.
No parade on Tuesday, 8th instant.
G. F. E. RAPSON, Bt.-Major, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

NOTICE.
Hongkong Rifle League.

Team Shoot on Saturday, 12th inst. at 2 p.m. Open Team versus H.M.S. Titania.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE Steamship "HUNGARIA."

From TRIESTE, VENICE, PENANG and SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3rd February.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 19th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 7th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., Ltd. Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1921.

NEW VICTORIA THEATRE, HONGKONG.
FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.
CHEFALO and PALERMO
TO-DAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY.
One and only, MATINEE, Sunday at 3 p.m.
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the Distinguished Art Danseuse

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the Brilliant Modern Pianist.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, at 8.30 p.m.

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NOTICES.

LANE CRAWFORD'S 'QUALITY' SALE

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY. EVERY ARTICLE IN OUR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 31st.

HARDWARE, SILVER & SPORTS
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ALL SHOP SOILED GOODS WILL BE SOLD AT CLEARING PRICES.

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NOTICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ON TUESDAY, the 8th instant, and on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, all Departments will be CLOSED for business.

On these dates THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY will be open for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions as follows: 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, February 3, 1921.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.
ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ENTRY forms may now be obtained at the Pavilion. ENTRIES CLOSE on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 15.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

HERE will be a Competition at FANLING on SUNDAY, 6th February, for a Cup to be presented. Conditions:—18 holes, Medal Play from Scratch. On Old Course. Post Entries. Competitors choose their own partners. Only one card to be taken by each player.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 4, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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"FISKE"

"KELLY SPRINGFIELD"

"LEE."

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Radio's Service to the China Mail.)

BIG IRISH AMBUSH.

TWENTY POLICE REPULSE FIVE HUNDRED ASSAILANTS.

SIX ATTACKERS KILLED.

LONDON, February 3.

Twenty police ambushed in two lorries at Ross Carberry, Cork, fought and repulsed 500 assailants, killing six and wounding several, also capturing many bombs and rifles and much ammunition. The police suffered no casualties. The attack was made from the grounds of the house of a magistrate who was imprisoned in the building with his family and Dean of Ross the night prior to the attack.

NINE POLICE KILLED IN AMBUSH.

February 4.

It is officially reported that police were ambushed at Pallas Green, near Limerick. Nine were killed and two wounded.

OIL PROSPECTING.

HOME DRILLING OPERATIONS MAKE STEADY PROGRESS.

LONDON, February 3.

H.M. Petroleum Department's report on drilling operations in 1920 shows that prospecting wells in Derbyshire, North Staffordshire, and Scotland have made steady progress. Most of the wells have now reached a great depth. The total feet drilled was 7,670. Six wells reached a depth of 3,000 feet or over, the deepest being at Ironville in Derbyshire where 4,006 was reached. The Hardstoft well continued to produce oil at the rate of a ton a day. In order to relieve tankage 500 tons of oil in storage at Hardstoft were sold to the Anglo-American Oil Co., at £22 10s. per ton, of which 325 tons were delivered.

WELSH BY-ELECTION.

LIBERAL ANTI-WASTE CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS.

LONDON, February 3.

Sir Lewis Loveden-Pryse has withdrawn his candidature and supports Mr. Llewelyn Williams. [Previous messages stated that Mr. Llewelyn Williams, ex-member of Parliament for Carmarthen, was selected by the Cardiganshire Liberal Association as against Mr. Evans, one of the Prime Minister's private secretaries, who had previously declared that he would seek election whatever the association's decision.]

AMERICAN NAVAL POLICY.

NO DESIRE FOR INTERNATIONAL BUILDING COMPETITION.

WASHINGTON, February 3.

The report of Mr. Daniels to the Navy Board reiterates the belief in battleships as the principal units of the fleet. Without battleships the United States cannot hope to compete with existing navies. The report adds that while the equality of power should continue as a factor in America's naval policy, there was no thought of instituting international competition in construction.

LOSS OF THE K5.

CAUSE OF THE DISASTER STILL A MYSTERY.

LONDON, February 3.

The findings of the enquiry issued by the Admiralty respecting the loss of Submarine K5, fail to throw any light on the disaster. The submarine which recently underwent a periodical refit, was practising an attack on capital ships when she dived and reappeared, then re-dived and subsequently failed to respond to calls. The evidence shows that she was not sunk as the result of collision. It is conjectured that some loss of trim or control may have occurred causing the vessel to reach a depth at which external pressure would account for her destruction.

AMERICAN LOAN TO CHILE.

New York, February 3.

Banking circles confirm the report that a loan of \$25,000,000 to Chile is being contemplated but deny similar reports as regards the Argentine and Brazil.

SCHOOL PRIZE LIST.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

CLASS PRIZE.

Class 1 and 2.—Minnie Doodha.
Class 3.—Bertha Remedios.
Class U.4.—Olive Barretto.
Class L.4.—Clotilde Barretto.
Class 5.—1, Kathleen Grose; 2, Elsa de Silva.
Class R.5.—Doreen Pang.
Class 6.—1, Ofelia Barretto; 2, Grace Ho Tung.
Class 7.—1, Maria Gomes; 2, Alice Rosa.
Class U.S.—1, Irene Gittens; 2, Nancy Leung.
Class M.S.—1, Bessie Mackenzie; 2, Sheila Jeffries; 3, Ellen Hall.
Class L.S.—1, Alfonso Barretto; 2, Norman Broadbridge.

HOLY SCRIPTURE.
1st Div.—1st, Lena Choa; 2nd, Elizabeth Wong and Julia Wong.
2nd Div.—1st, Kathleen Grose; 2nd, Jean Ho Tung; 3rd, Elsa de Silva.
3rd Div.—1st, Grace Ho Tung; 2nd, Ofelia Barretto and Rose Ponsonby.
4th Div.—1st, Sheila Jeffries; 2nd, George White; 3rd, Leslie Arnett.

NEEDLEWORK.
1st Div.—1st, Grace Lee; 2nd, Aurea Sousa and Alice Lam.
2nd Div.—1st, Kathleen Grose; 2nd, Doris Black; special, Marjorie Mason.

3rd Div.—1st, Nellie Lee; 2nd, Irene Gittens; special, Rose Ponsonby.
4th Div.—1st, Millie Chan; 2nd, Ellen Hall; 3rd, Carmen Prata.

DRAWING.
1st Div.—1st, Elizabeth Wong and Julia Wong; 2nd, Alice Lam.
2nd Div.—1st, Clotilde Barretto and Jean Brown; 2nd, Gladys Rooper.

3rd Div.—1st, Doris Black; 2nd, Irene Gittens; 3rd, Sophie Brown.
SPECIAL ESSAY PRIZES.
Upper School.—Minnie Doodha.
Middle School.—Marjorie Mason.
Lower School.—Lily Grimes.

SUBJECT PRIZES.
Class 2.—Minnie Doodha, grammar; Elizabeth Wong, grammar.
Class 3.—Bertha Remedios, history.

Class U.4.—Olive Barretto, grammar, composition, history and geography; Helen Lam, geography; Violet Chan, geography and grammar; Daisy Pong, arithmetic; Irene Rapp, geography; Gerlie Tyson, grammar and geography.

Class L.4.—Clotilde Barretto, geography and history; Jean Ho Tung, grammar, history, hygiene and geography; Delcie Silva, grammar, hygiene and history; Lizzie Lindblom, grammar; Kitty Rapp, history.

Class 5.—Kathleen Grose, geography, history, grammar, hygiene and arithmetic; Elsa de Silva, history and grammar; Jean Brown, arithmetic; Stella Lee, arithmetic; Maude White, arithmetic; Maria Botelho, arithmetic; Irene Mackay, arithmetic.

Class 6.—Ofelia Barretto, composition, grammar, hygiene and history; Grace Ho Tung, history, grammar and composition; Edith Lam, arithmetic and grammar; Sophie Brown, grammar; Doris Black, grammar.

Class 7.—Rosie Ponsonby, examination; Maria Gomes, arithmetic; Esther Chung, arithmetic; Lucy Cheung, arithmetic.

Class 8.—Irene Gittens, arithmetic; Angelina Xavier, arithmetic; Nancy Leung, geography.

Class Mid. and Lower 8.—George White, arithmetic; Alice Wood, arithmetic; Leslie Arnett, arithmetic; Alfonso Barretto, arithmetic; Andrew Lam, arithmetic; Ivan Hing, arithmetic; Norman Broadbridge, arithmetic; Maria Rosa, arithmetic.

DECEMBER 1920. HONGKONG UNIVERSITY LOCALS.

Senior.—Lena Choa.
Junior.—Julia Wong (distinction in drawing), Minnie Doodha, Elizabeth Wong, Grace Lee (distinction in needlework), Aurea Sousa, Emma Remedios.

Music.—Minnie Doodha, Pansy Wong, Nancy Leung, singing.
Lugard Scholarship.—Bertha Remedios.

SHIPPING DEPRESSION.

EFFECTS IN JAPAN.

A LAY OFF OF WORKMEN.

A Kobe shipyard, the Kokumin states that the 250 workmen have decided to go on strike for an indefinite period, with a promise, at the same time, to pay them 75 per cent. of their wages during the enforced holiday.

Since the business depression began, adds the message, there have been various rumours afloat, that the company had decided to discharge many employees, but none have so far been discharged. The present lay off on part pay is regarded as a temporary but inevitable measure for the adjustment necessitated by present business conditions.

It is also reported that the Kawasaki Shipbuilding Company has dismissed three hundred workmen.—*Reuter.*

COMPANY REPORTS.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

The report of the Directors for the year ending December 31, 1920, for presentation to shareholders at the ordinary annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, February 19, 1921, is as follows—
To the Shareholders of Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,—The Directors now beg to submit to you their report and statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1920.
The net profit for that period, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including \$5,084.76 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$178,686.30

Which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows—
Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share \$120,000.00
Transfer to Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund 10,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund 29,516.60
Carry forward to new Profit and Loss Account 19,169.70
\$178,686.30

DIRECTORS.

Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. A. O. Lang were invited to join the Board, the latter in place of Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar who resigned on his departure from the Colony. The Directors now are Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Pattenden, J. M. Alves, A. O. Lang, and the Very Rev. Fr. Robert, who in accordance with Rule No. 86 of the Company's Articles of Association retire but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

HENRY HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

Hongkong, January 28, 1921.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1920.

LIABILITIES.

Capital Account—	\$1,500,000.00
150,000 shares at \$10.00 each	50.00
Reserve Fund	245,483.40
Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund	40,000.00
Fund for Equalization of Dividends	50,000.00
Mortgages	794,323.18
Sundry Creditors	98,703.09
Unclaimed Dividends	4,255.26
Profit and Loss Account—	
Brought Forward from 1919	\$ 6,084.76
Add Profit for year	172,601.54
	178,686.30
	\$2,911,451.23

ASSETS.

Amount invested in Property	\$2,242,977.00
Office Furniture	50.00
Stores	4,704.41
Mortgages and Loans	637,200.00
Accounts Receivable	22,482.88
Fire Insurance Premium unexpired	2,459.53
Cash at Bank	\$ 1,543.82
Cash in Hand	33.59
	1,577.41
	\$2,911,451.23

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920.

DEBIT.

To Fire Insurance Premium	\$ 6,073.81
Interest on Mortgages and Deposits	\$2,333.04
Less Interest on mortgages and Loans	23,871.81
	28,451.23
Repairs	11,258.09
Crown Rent	4,949.94
Legal Expenses	528.25
General Charges	3,527.77
Allowance to General Managers to cover Office Rent and business transactions under the most rigid supervision and Thompson Brothers and Steadman, chartered accountants of Tientsin, were engaged for this work.	8,000.00
Salaries of Secretary and Clerks	500.00
Auditors' Fees	5,000.00
Remuneration to Directors	9,347.44
General Managers	172,601.54
Balance being Profit for year	\$ 250,248.07

CREDIT.

By Unclaimed Dividends Forfeited	\$ 1,189.25
Rent	168,500.74
Commission	289.25
Transfer Fees	150.00
Profit on sales of Property	80,118.83
	\$ 250,248.07

J. M. ALVES, } Directors.

W. L. PATTENDEN, }

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

G. RAPP,

Secretary.

We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1920, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Company.

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A.

C. BERNARD BROWN, A.C.A. } Auditors.

Hongkong, January 28, 1921.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited will at the forthcoming meeting of Shareholders to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 1921, recommend the following allocation of Profits—

To pay a Final Dividend of 50 cents per share	200,000.00
pay a Bonus of 50 cents per share	200,000.00
place to Reserve Fund	100,000.00
place to Reserve for New Plant at Hon Uu Works	150,000.00
place to Reserve for New Plant at Hon Uu Works	300,000.00
write off Buildings and Machinery at Macao Works an additional	100,000.00
To Bonus to Staff	30,000.00
write off Property at Canton	10,000.00
write off Property at Shaukiwan	5,155.41
To carry forward to the credit of next year's Account	127,824.68
	\$1,222,980.09

THEATRE ROYAL.

DENNISTON PLAYERS.

CONTINUED SUCCESS.

With "Step Thief," an excellent farce seen for the first time in Hongkong, the Denniston Players again delighted a large audience in the Theatre Royal last night by their

clever presentation of an extremely humorous piece. The presence of thieves in a house during a wedding led to many amusing complications and laughable situations of which the players made the most.

Popular selections played by the band of the Wilks. Regiment added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Tonight, by special request, the Company will play a highly amusing farce entitled "Baby Mine."

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

FROZEN SMOKED FISH

"New shipment ex S.S. Glenamoy"

SELECTED FILLETS,

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THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE Co., Ltd.



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Open a package of Chesterfields. Notice how fresh they are. Firm too—no loose tobacco in sight. It's the extra, moisture-proof wrapper that does it.

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FAMINE RELIEF.

URGENT NEED FOR FUND.

COLD AND STARVATION.

PEKING, Jan. 25.

Purchase of 3,000 tons of grain for shipment into the West Chihli famine area was authorized by the administrative council of the Peking United International Famine Relief Committee at Monday's meeting, bringing the purchases authorized to a total of 6,000 tons.

At the same meeting the council voted unanimously to put its accounts and business transactions under the most rigid supervision and Thompson Brothers and Steadman, chartered accountants of Tientsin, were engaged for this work.

The council's action means that not only will the funds be checked from the time they are received until the actual relief is given, but that the business system will be carefully supervised by this firm. The firm will place its own men on the work of supervision and will also audit all accounts. The committee is eager to have every contributor and every person interested, know exactly where the money comes from and where it goes. In all the work, efficiency and economy in expenditures will be the goal.

Purchases of the additional 3,000 tons of grain was deemed imperative because of seasonal conditions. Pressing food needs are reported from all famine areas and the grain can be purchased at favourable prices before the New Year.

The authorization for the purchase exhausts the Committee's funds now in hand, thus making it more necessary than ever that the flow of contributions into the treasury be uninterrupted.

Shipment of the first 3,000 tons of grain which Morgan Palmer of the Salt Gabelle purchased for the committee, is proceeding and by the close of the month it is expected that between 1,500 and 2,000 tons will be in hands of the distributors.

The committee was informed by wire that Bishop Graves had been selected as Shanghai's representative on the Finance Commission which will supervise the \$4,000,000 customs surtax loan. Frank B. Turner will represent the Tientsin Committee. The secret ballot conducted by the Peking committee resulted in the selection of Dr. Douglas Gray to represent that body.

A communication from the Metropolitan district informed the committee that the mission in that field had spent its allotment of money entirely on non-Christians, as the Christians in the district were otherwise relieved. The letter also told that the mission did not favour enquirers for church membership during the famine period and that no schools had been established with the funds.

The committee received several special guests at Monday's meeting. These included Bishop Massi of Shanghai Province; Essen M. Gale, auditor of the Salt Gabelle at Hankow, and M. André Duboscq, special representative of Le Temps, a leading French paper.

Bishop Massi said conditions could scarcely be overdrawn in his district where many were dying of cold and starvation, where robbers continually mannaed the villages and where food was extremely scarce. He said the relief work was well organized. An international Committee has been organized with Bishop Massi as president and Mr. Yeh as vice-president. All religious denominations, gentry and others interested in relief are working in a pleasing co-operative spirit, the bishop said.

Mr. Gale said the relief work in the area covered by the Hankow committee was being capably handled but said the estimate of the affected population in Honan should be increased from 3,500,000 to 5,000,000. This estimate was made by Bishop White of the Honan committee and emphasizes the statement of Minister Yen of Foreign Affairs who said that the total affected population was between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 persons.

M. Duboscq addressed the committee saying he felt keenly the suffering in China and that he would ask Le Temps to inform the French people concerning conditions and would also ask the paper to aid in the collection of relief funds. M. Duboscq will remain in Peking about two months. He is studying Far Eastern situations and conditions for this paper.

BIG NATIONAL DRIVE.

SPECIAL PEKING COMMITTEE.

PEKING, Jan. 28.

The National Famine Relief drive has been set for February 20 to February 28, inclusive. A special Peking committee, with Sun Pao-shi as chairman, will direct the campaign in Peking and aid the national movement. The international committees at Shanghai, Hankow, Tsinan, Kaileng, and Taiyuan agree to conduct a simultaneous drive. Tientsin considers the plan on Monday. International committees will be organized in other cities for the drive.

President Hsu Shih-chang has been invited to act as honorary President of the movement, and Government boards and departments have been asked to request the co-operation of Metropolitan and provincial officials and commercial organizations. The Legations will request the Colonial Administrations to join the religious and charitable bodies in the drive.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

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MONROE DOCTRINE.

UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, February 3.

Admiral Rodman, who is visiting here with the American fleet, says that his only object is to visit, a sister nation. As regards the Monroe Doctrine the United States never entertained any pretensions of absorbing South American republics. The doctrine involved certain reciprocal duties. The United States would watch over her weaker sisters merely as a sister republic and give European nations no distinction. They must understand that they must not interfere in American affairs.

WELSH RAILWAY SMASH.

GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF STATION MASTER AND SIGNALMAN.

LONDON, February 3.

The verdict of the Abermule inquiry is that acting Station Master Lewis and Signalman Jones were guilty of gross negligence, and Porter Rogers and Clerk Thomson of negligence and excess of duty. The inquiry criticised the lack of supervision in carrying out the tablet system.

DANISH REPRESENTATION ABROAD.

COPENHAGEN, February 3.

The Foreign Minister has submitted to the Folketing a Bill increasing the diplomatic and consular representation abroad, providing independent legations in Holland, Japan, and Siam, and a new consulate at Batavia.

PEAK SCHOOL.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The prizes were distributed to the children of the Peak School yesterday by Mrs. Severn. There was a large attendance, including the Hon. Dr. Severn and Mrs. Severn, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education) and Mrs. Irving, Mr. E. R. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), the Rev. Mr. Copley Moyle, Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mrs. Hickling M.B.E., and many others.

The following report was submitted by the Head Mistress:
During the year 40 new pupils were admitted to the school and 46 left. The year opened with 70 pupils on the roll and closed with 49. There were 187 school-days in the year.

Attendance.—In the winter term the attendance was good, but by March it began to fall away. The irregularity of attendance became so marked, that morning school only was adopted during the summer term.

Irregular attendance is one of the chief causes of the backwardness of this school. Surely any parent can make it his duty, in order to give a fair chance, to see that his child attends regularly.

Parents really cannot justly complain, as so many have done about the state of this school, if they do not co-operate with the teachers in the matter of attendance. In the Log-Book I found an entry of this nature,—"Mrs. X. had a party and in consequence no children were present at school that afternoon."

In the short time that I have been Head Mistress here I find that absolutely anything, however trivial, is allowed to interfere with a child's attendance at school. I trust that, the matter having been put clearly to you, a marked improvement in attendance will result.

Staff.—The school has suffered much this year because of the changes in the staff. Mrs. Main resigned and left the Colony on March. Miss Hazell joined the Staff as Student-Teacher, her duties being particularly to help in the teaching of French in the Lower classes. Mrs. Fletcher rejoined after a year's absence and I deeply regret to say died about two months after her resignation in October. Miss Jack went on leave. Mrs. Macintosh left for England. Mrs. James left for England. Mrs. Harding left for England. Miss Macdonald replaced Miss Jack and the Misses Bowen were appointed to other vacancies. Miss Cooper acted as Head Mistress for nine days and was transferred then to the Bellios School. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. McHutchon assisted for a short time. Such changes were bound to disorganise the work.

Drill.—Miss Macdonald has continued as Drill and Dancing Mistress. Her teaching is very greatly appreciated.

Drawing.—Mrs. Macpherson has joined the Staff as Drawing In-

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency gave a dinner party last evening at Government House. The guests present were—Monsieur and Madame Reau, Capt. Magness, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Severn, Surg.-Capt. and Mrs. Dalton, Commander Edward Collins, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Moxon, Dr. and Mrs. Smalley.

Messrs. Gibb, Livingston, & Co., Ltd., have sent us a copy of the correspondence presented to Parliament on the subject of the allegations against the administration of the British North Borneo Company by the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society. The exoneration of the Company from the charges brought against it has already been reported in Reuter and special cables to the China Mail. The correspondence is given in full but it is sufficient to mention that the final letter states that, after perusing the report by the British North Borneo Company, (which deals with the allegations categorically), Lord Milner is of opinion that the charges made by the Society have been satisfactorily met and he therefore proposes to take no further action.

Structure and Drawing is now taught on the newer and more rational system.

French.—Madam Mousson, takes the Senior Work, the Juniors being taught chiefly by Miss Hazell.

Inspection.—During the year the school was visited both by the Education Committee and by the Inspector of English Schools, with the Director of Education. Various suggestions were made to improve the condition of the school and these were carried out.

Mrs. Severn, who spoke of the happy and healthy appearance of the children, invited the school to hold its annual sports, as in previous years, at the Colonial Secretary's residence.

The Hon. Mr. Irving, after expressing thanks to Mrs. Severn, drew special attention to the importance of regular attendance.

A very enjoyable concert was given by the children, the programme of which was as follows—

(1) Song—(The Gardener, Il elait un Berger, Frere Jacques), Infants.
(2) Dances (Ribbon Dance), May Austin, Kitty Blair, and Margaret Cameron; (Varsovienne), Upper School.

(3) Recitation (The Story of an Apple), Eric Crockett, Philip Humphreys, Lewis McDougall, and Roy Austin.

(4) Dance (Irish Jig), May Austin and Kitty Blair.

(5) Recitation (Two Little Birds), Jack Breakspear, Kathleen Lowe, Edith Geare, and Nevil Wilson.

(6) Song—(The Lamplighter, Where go the boots, and Milton Noir), Upper and Lower School.

(7) Recitation—(A Bab Ballad), Margaret Cameron, May Austin, Kitty Blair, and Bessie Blair.

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On Wednesday, the 9th February, the Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and there will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence, and one collection of correspondence from the P.O. Boxes on that day.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.
On Wednesday, the 9th February, the District Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the exception of Kowloon Office, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only, and Sheung Wan Office, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be one delivery from District Offices at Noon.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14.	
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For	Per	Time
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.		
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5.		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via DRUMHURST, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles. Registration 5 p.m. Saturday, 5th, Letters 8.30 a.m.	Delta	10 a.m.
Shanghai and North China	Telesia	10 a.m.
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Philippine Islands	Loonang	2 p.m.
Samahai and Wuchow	Kochow	4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Pheumpanh	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6.		
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.		
Saigon, Bangkok and Straits	Unzan Maru	9 a.m.
*Shanghai, North China, Japan, Korea, Canada, United States, Central & South America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.	Hawaii Maru	10 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Korea, Canada, United States, Central & South America, and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Shinyo Maru	1 p.m.
Saigon	Kumang	1 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN	Choksang	1 p.m.
*Shanghai and North China	Choyang	2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	China	2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Chipping	2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Hongkong	5 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Sinking	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.		
Shanghai and North China	Kanai	9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.		
Holbow and Haiphong	Takamag	9 a.m.
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.		
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TRADE WITH CHINA.

PARTINGTON'S ARTICLE.

GENTLEMEN WANTED.

In the course of an article in the *Financial* on "Openings in China," Mr. Thomas Bowen Partington says it is a thing to be greatly regretted that many of the Manchester and Bradford manufacturers do not have their own offices in China. They could then freely deal in a first-hand manner with the Chinese, and the writer himself has been many times approached by influential Chinese merchants to this end. One thing is certain, and this every manufacturer at home must keep before him. The requirements of the market must be carefully studied.

To this will come the reply that the requirements of the market are studied, in that Manchester and Bradford send out many representatives to that part and that these men have every opportunity of studying the markets and getting first-hand information. This is at once challenged. The writer, since the armistice, has seen several representatives in China; they would have been better at home. The first thing they did was to fall foul of the Chinese, and when this is done the result will be nothing.

Above all, your Chinese merchants are gentlemen (not "chinks," disgusting term), and therefore, British merchants will do well to see to it that they in turn send out gentlemen. Courtesy is cheap. The Americans have a far better type of men on the China field at the present time than we have. The ideal is to have an office in China, and the results will assuredly justify such a step, but, failing this, then the writer asks that the Lancashire and Yorkshire manufacturers will select their representatives with the greatest care. There are good men out there as representatives, but they are all too few and not enough to cope with the volume of business there is in that part.

There is another thing which may be mentioned in this article, and it is that it has never been clear why the Germans were given the agencies for handling of the whole of the British-made cotton thread business interests in China. One has never been able to discover any valid reason. Further, one is inclined to think that if the shareholders at home knew the full facts of the cases, there would be some interesting questions asked at meetings. The British merchants could have handled this trade every bit as well as they handled the others, but the fact is that they were never given a chance.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 4d. 12h. 23m.—Pressure has increased moderate from Shanghai to Formosa, and slightly at Hongkong. It has decreased moderately at Wai-hai.

The anticyclone is now central over the lower Yangtze Valley.

The monsoon will moderate along the east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.0 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.23 inches, against an average of 1.71 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on February 5th:

1.—Hongkong to Cap. Rock. N. & E. winds moderate; fair.

2.—Formosa. Chusan. N.E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Kowloon and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Kowloon and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

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Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 4, 1921.

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Weather	b.	b	o
Rain	0.22	0.00	0.00

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T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory Feb. 4, 1921.

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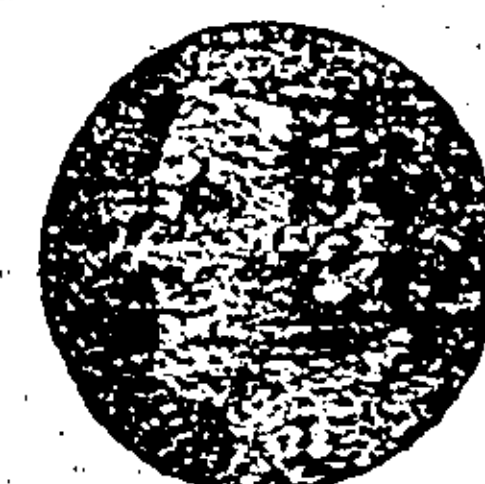
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